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- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-196961 (CANON INC), published July 14, 2000;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-329616 (HONDA MOTOR CO LTD; CITIZEN WATCH CO LTD), published November 30, 2000;
- Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2001-008111(MINOLTA CO., LTD.), published January 12, 2001;
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